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SUBJECT: CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM BY SUDANESE
MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

1. DURING MINISTER ABDALLAH' S CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM MARCH 7, SUBJECT OF GOS INTEREST IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION WAS RAISED. MINISTER INDICATED THAT HIS MINISTRY HAS OBTAINED LAND FOR ITS PROPOSED PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ACADEMY AND STRESSED SUDAN' S NEED FOR GOOD MANAGEMENT TRAINING, ESPECIALLY TO PREPARE SOUTHERN SUDANESE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS. HE INDICATED THAT THE GOS WAS SEEKING SUPPORT BOTH FROM UNDP AND FROM BILATERAL SOURCES.

2. MINISTER THEN DISCUSSED NEED FOR REFORMING SUDANESE PUBLIC SERVICE. HE IS ATTEMPTING TO PUT TOGETHER AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO VISIT SUDAN IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1973 AND RECOMMEND REFORMS.

3. RETURNING TO SUBJECT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ACADEMY MINISTER MENTIONED NEED TO FIND FOREIGN EXCHANGE ASSISTANCE FOR PROJECT. MR. NEWSOM STATED THAT THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE
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WAS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN FROM A. I. D. GIVEN ITS DEVELOPMENTAL PRIORITIES. THE MINISTER SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED FUNDING POSSIBILITIES WITH I. D. A.

4. MR. NEWSOM THEN REVIEWED COMPONENTS OF CURRENT U. S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND ASKED MINISTER FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT STATUS OF SUDAN AIRWAYS ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FINANCING FROM EXIM. MINISTER SAID AIRLINE WORKING WITH BOEING TO DEVELOP NEW PROPOSALS WHICH SHOULD BE PRESENTED ABOUT MARCH 15.

5. MINISTER STATED HE HAD RECENTLY RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY TO NEAR EAST FOUNDATION OFFER TO TOP OFF SALARY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION EXPERT. (DEPTOFF LATER CONFIRMED THIS TELEPHONICALLY WITH NEF, WHICH HAS ALREADY REPLIED TO MINISTER' S MESSAGE AND SENT LETTER INQUIRING ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF DR. HILTY, PERSON PREFERRED BY GOS.) ROGERS

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